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1. Scandinavian "showdown" on Atlantic Pact imminent--US
Ambassador Bay in Oslo reports that the Prime Ministers,
Foreign Ministers, and Defense Ministers of Norway, Sweden,
and Denmark are now engaged in discussions which may re-
sult in a "showdown" concerning the attitude of the three
powers toward the North Atlantic Pact. Bay indicates that
the Norwegians apparently have called such a meeting at
this time in order to enable them to find out where Denmark
and Sweden stand before invitations are extended for the
Washington talks on the North Atlantic Pact.

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2. PALESTINE: US urges Egypt and Israel to effect cease-fire--
The Department of State has instructed US Embassy Cairo to
express to the Egyptian Government the hope of the US that
Egypt will not alter its expressed readiness to enter into talks
with the Provisional Government of Israel (PGI) even though
the PGI did not accept the Security Council's cease-fire before
the 5 January deadline set by Egypt. The Department considers
that a reasonable opportunity should be given the PGI in which
to accept the Egyptian offer. In a parallel message to US
Representative McDonald in Tel Aviv, the Department has
instructed McDonald to inform the PGI that the US trusts that
it may be still possible for Israel and Egypt to enter into nego-
tiations following a prompt and effective cease-fire. The US
representatives in both Cairo and Tel Aviv are to point out
that the US is making a similar representation to each govern-
ment.

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